

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 866

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### A RESOLUTION relative to National Salvation Army Week.

WHEREAS, in 1865, William Booth formed an organization in the East End of London, England, that would ultimately become the Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, in 1879, Lieutenant Eliza Shirley held the first meeting of the Salvation Army in the United States in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1954, National Salvation Army Week was first recognized and declared by President Dwight D. Eisenhower; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Salvation Army is a worldwide organization that is meeting human needs, without discrimination, by utilizing its foundation and mission of “Doing the Most Good.” Services provided by the Salvation Army include adult rehabilitation, veterans affairs services, prison ministries, elderly services, combating human trafficking, locating missing persons, hunger relief, housing and homeless services, Christmas assistance, and youth camps and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army began in Nashville in 1890 and now has thirty-one total locations throughout the state of Tennessee. In 2013, the Salvation Army Nashville Command alone assisted 47,014 people, served 43,862 meals, provided 21,540 days of housing, and delivered education and employment training to 297 people. These actions were accomplished through the help of 5,563 volunteers generously donating 14,625 hours of service, 7,210 donors contributing \$2,547,381, and 69 partners providing \$2,106,055 of gifts-in-kind; and

WHEREAS, Salvation Army service units, in cooperation with volunteers, businesses, and government, celebrate National Salvation Army Week through a variety of special events and activities across the country; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby joins the Salvation Army in celebrating National Salvation Army Week from May 12-18, 2014. We also stand with our fellow Tennesseans in expressing our appreciation for the Salvation Army's good works and the outstanding example Salvation Army officers, soldiers, and volunteers set in serving a cause greater than themselves during this week and throughout the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.